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THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!
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AFTER WEEKS OF SCOURING PLANET MOBIUS FOR THE VILLAINOUS IXIS NAUGUS, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS BEST BUDDY, TAILS, HAD AT LONG LAST TRACKED DOWN THE WIZARD. WITH HELP FROM THEIR NEW FRIEND, NATE MORGAN, THEY DEFEATED THEIR ARCH NEMESIS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

NOW OUR INTREPID HEROES MAKE THEIR TREK HOMEWARD TO MOBOTROPOLIS...

...BUT BEFORE THEY DO, THERE IS ONE FINAL TASK THAT REMAINS TO BE FULFILLED.

A TASK SONIC ALONE CAN ACCOMPLISH!

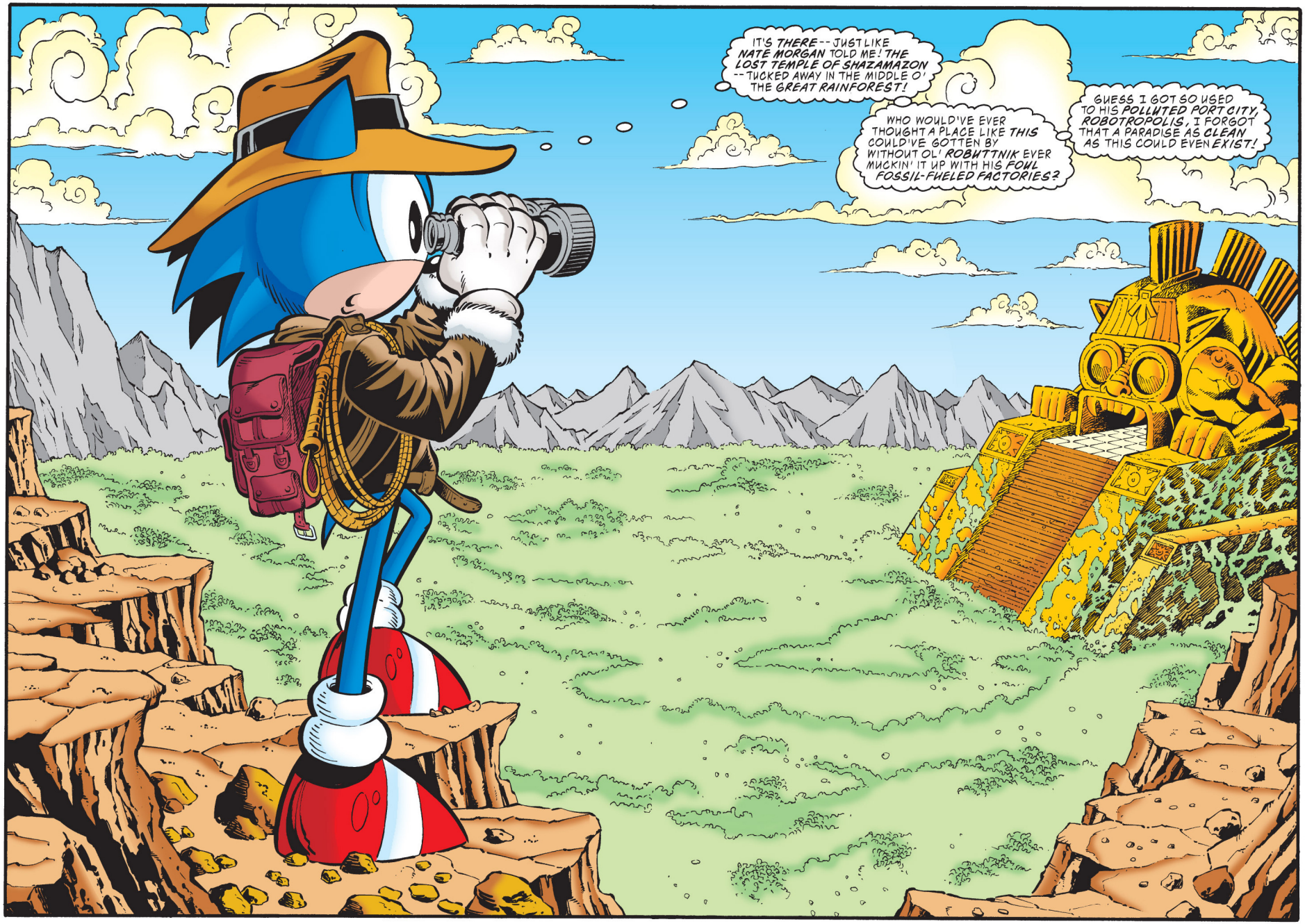
WITH GUEST APPEARANCES -BY-

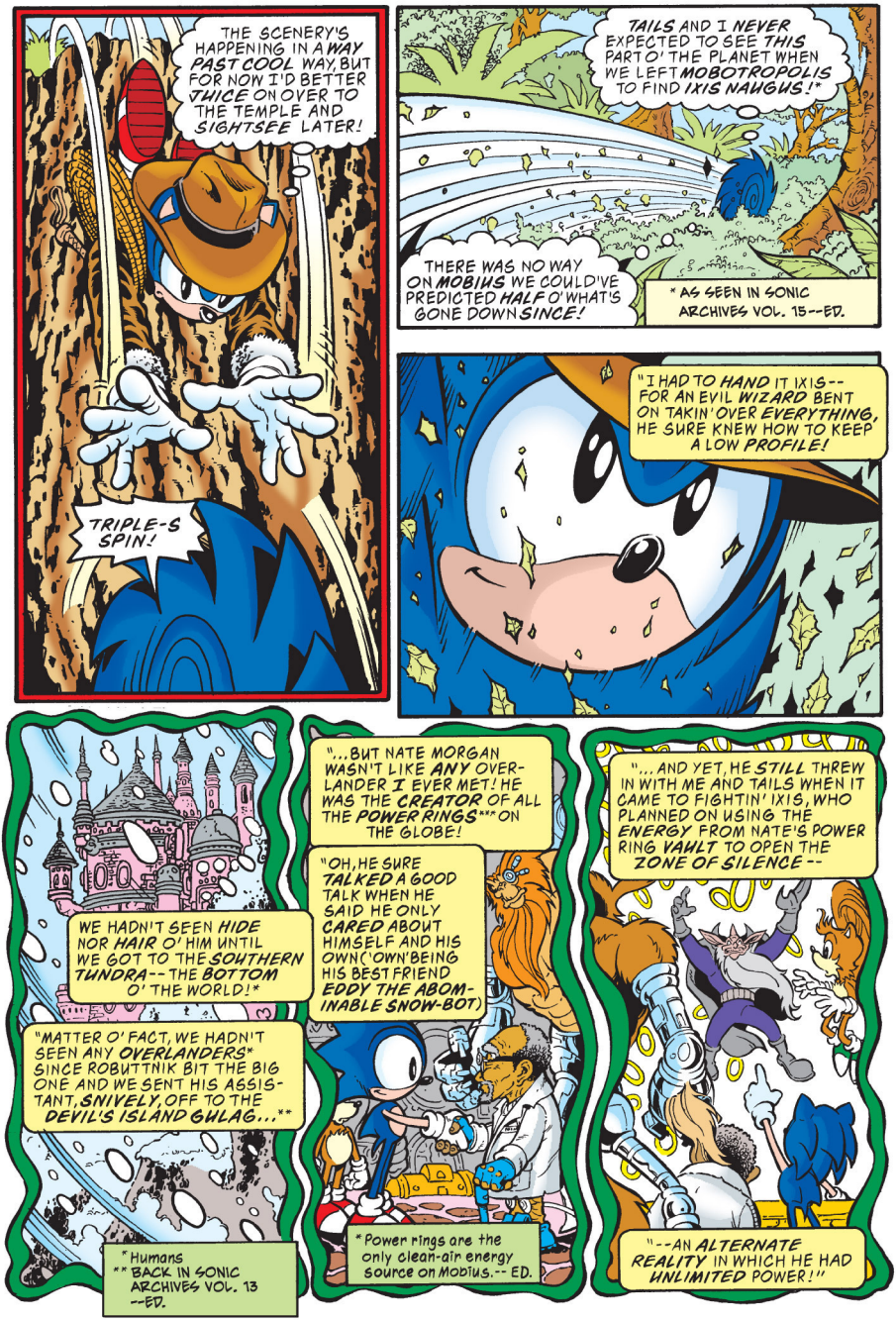
TAILS

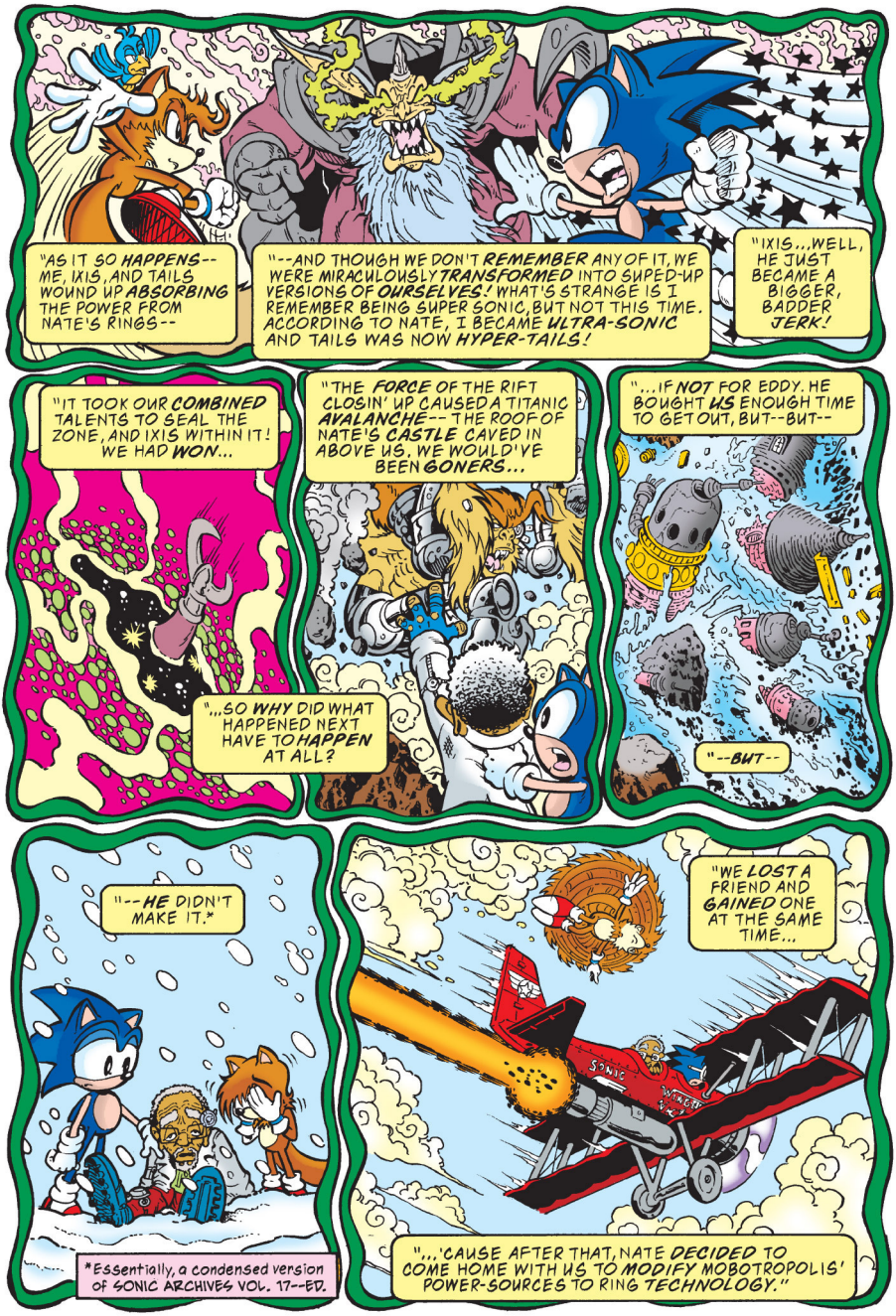
NATE MORGAN

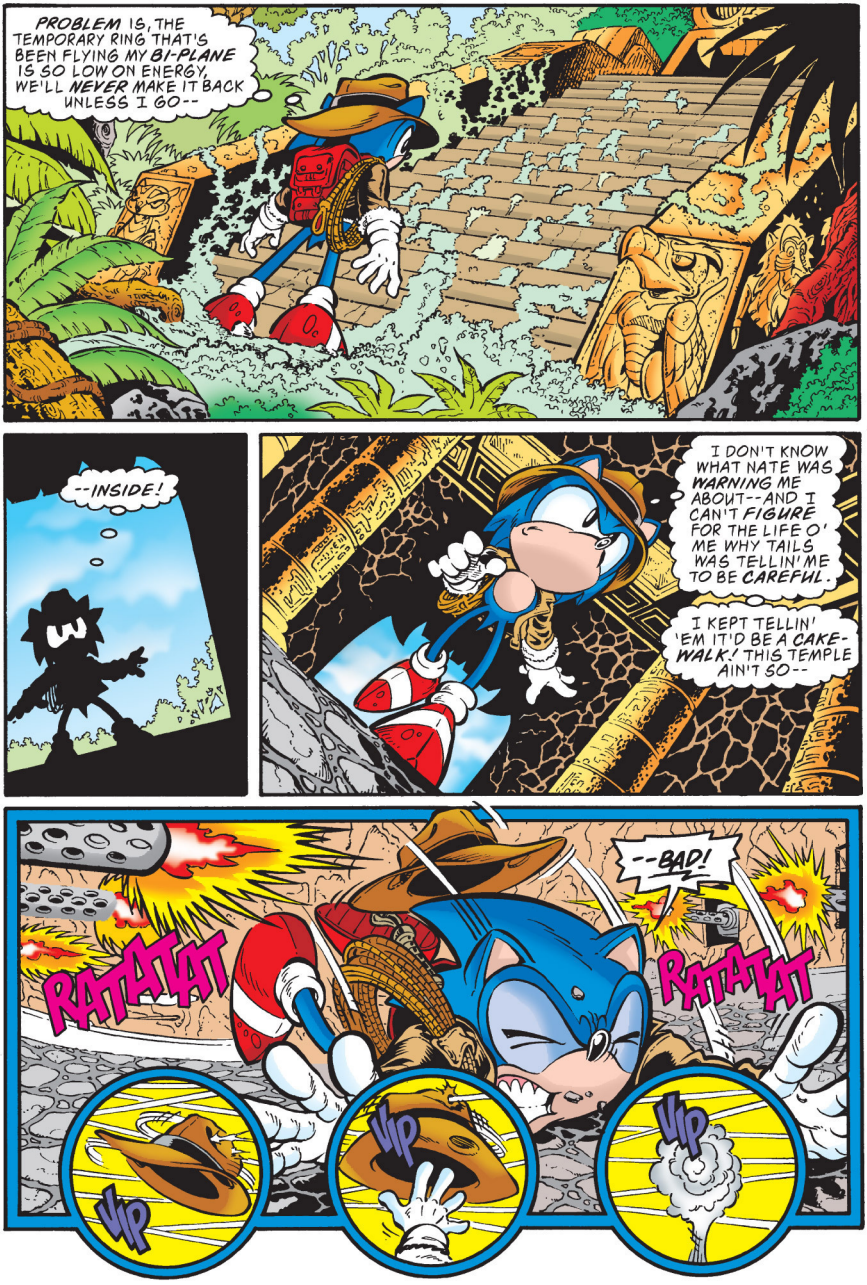
LIKE WHOAH.

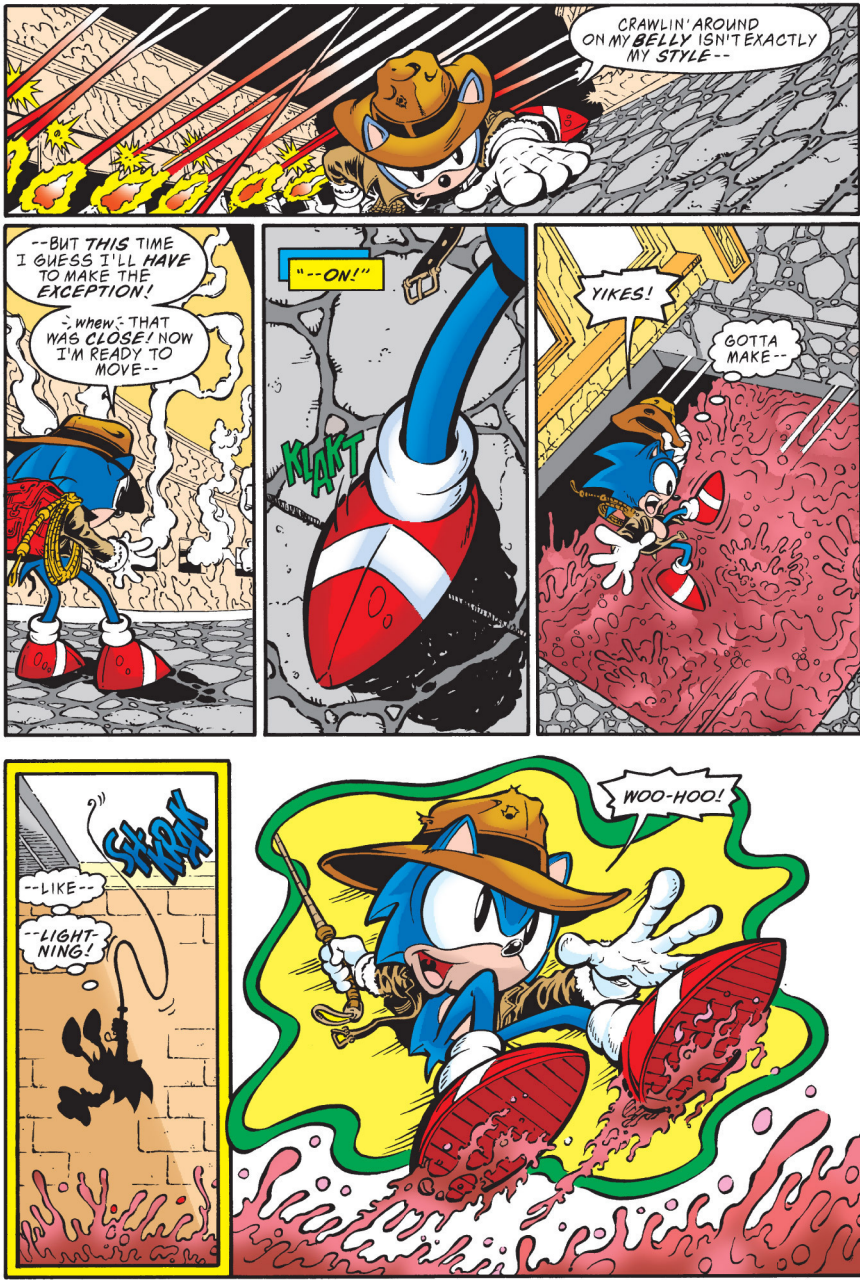
I SEE IT-- BUT I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!

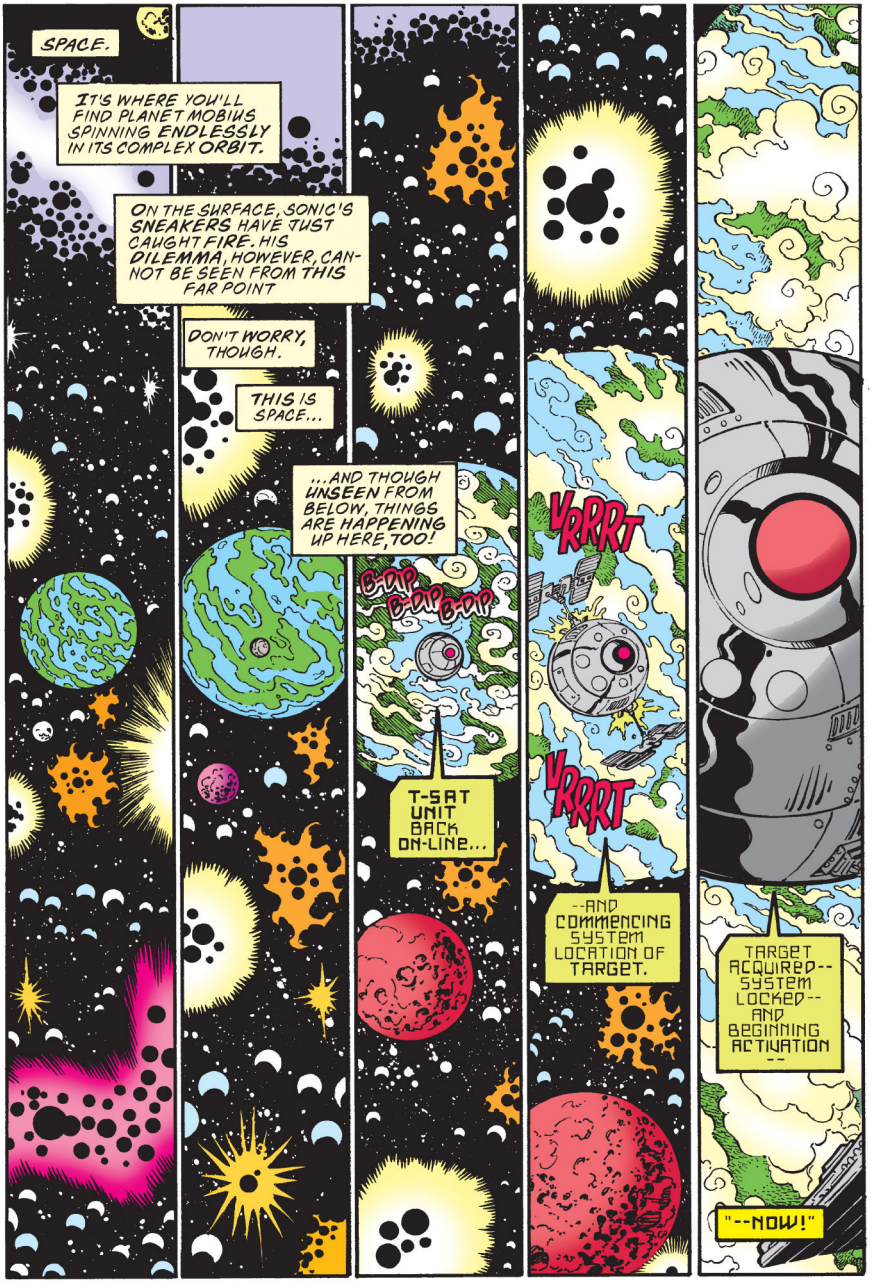

IT'S THERE -- JUST LIKE NATE MORGAN TOLD ME! THE LOST TEMPLE OF SHAZAMAZON -- TUCKED AWAY IN THE MIDDLE O' THE GREAT RAINFOREST!
WHO WOULD'VE EVER THOUGHT A PLACE LIKE THIS COULD'VE GOTTEN BY WITHOUT OL' ROBUTTNIK EVER MUCKIN' IT UP WITH HIS FOUL FOSSIL-FUELED FACTORIES?
GUESS I GOT SO USED TO HIS POLLUTED PORT CITY, ROBOTROPOLIS, I FORGOT THAT A PARADISE AS CLEAN AS THIS COULD EVEN EXIST!

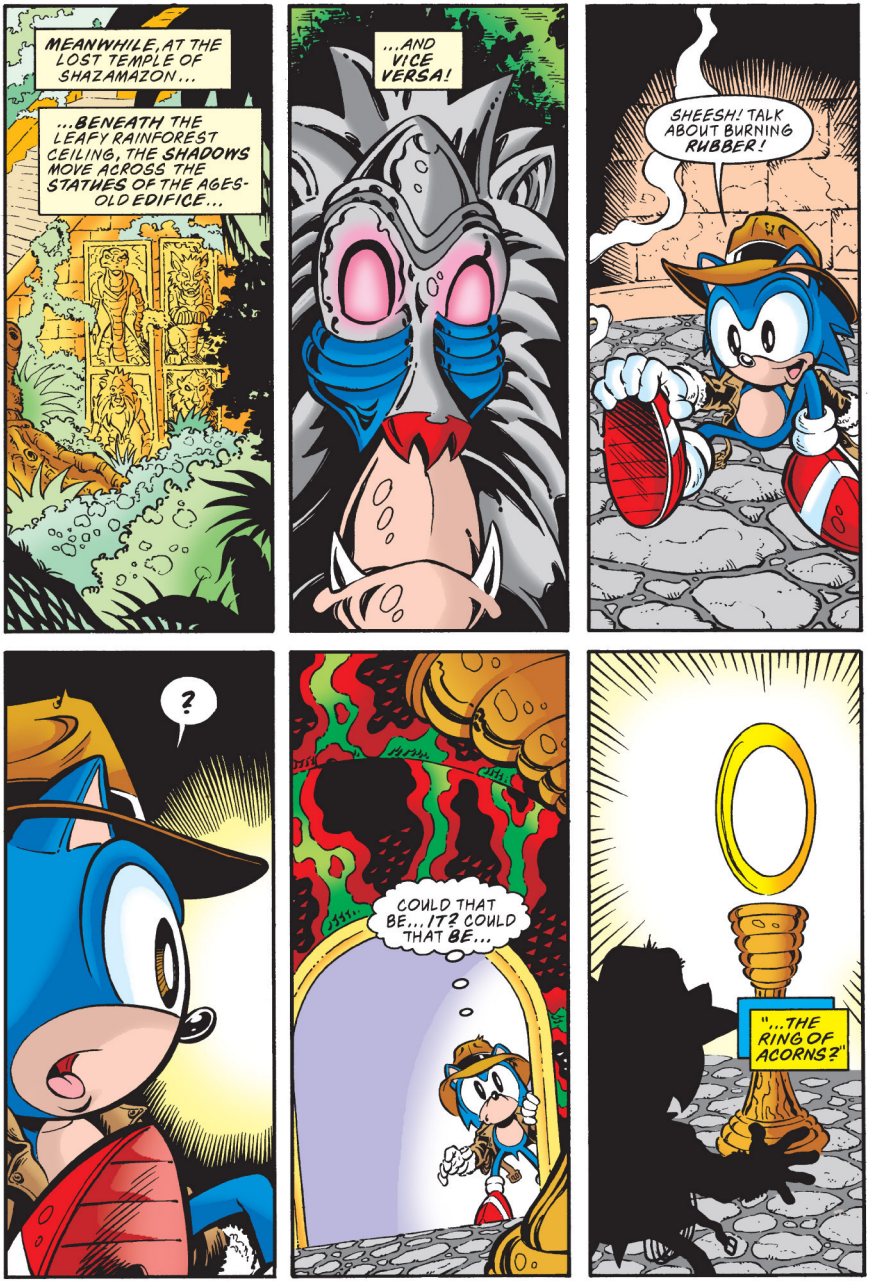

THE SCENERY'S HAPPENING IN A WAY PAST COOL WAY, BUT FOR NOW I'D BETTER JUICE ON OVER TO THE TEMPLE AND SIGHTSEE LATER!
TRIPLE-S SPIN!
TAILS AND I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE THIS PART O' THE PLANET WHEN WE LEFT MOBOTROPOLIS TO FIND IXIS NAUGUS!*
THERE WAS NO WAY ON MOBIUS WE COULD'VE PREDICTED HALF O' WHAT'S GONE DOWN SINCE!
* AS SEEN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 15--ED.
"I HAD TO HAND IT IXIS-- FOR AN EVIL WIZARD BENT ON TAKIN' OVER EVERYTHING, HE SURE KNEW HOW TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE!
WE HADN'T SEEN HIDE NOR HAIR O' HIM UNTIL WE GOT TO THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA-- THE BOTTOM O' THE WORLD!*
"MATTER O' FACT, WE HADN'T SEEN ANY OVERLANDERS* SINCE ROBUTTNIK BIT THE BIG ONE AND WE SENT HIS ASSISTANT, SNIVELY, OFF TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG..."**
* Humans
** BACK IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 13 --ED.
"...BUT NATE MORGAN WASN'T LIKE ANY OVERLANDER I EVER MET! HE WAS THE CREATOR OF ALL THE POWER RINGS*** ON THE GLOBE!
"OH, HE SURE TALKED A GOOD TALK WHEN HE SAID HE ONLY CARED ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS OWN('OWN'BEING HIS BEST FRIEND EDDY THE ABOMINABLE SNOW-BOT)
*** Power rings are the only clean-air energy source on Mobius.-- ED.
"...AND YET, HE STILL THREW IN WITH ME AND TAILS WHEN IT CAME TO FIGHTIN' IXIS, WHO PLANNED ON USING THE ENERGY FROM NATE'S POWER RING VAULT TO OPEN THE ZONE OF SILENCE--
"--AN ALTERNATE REALITY IN WHICH HE HAD UNLIMITED POWER!"

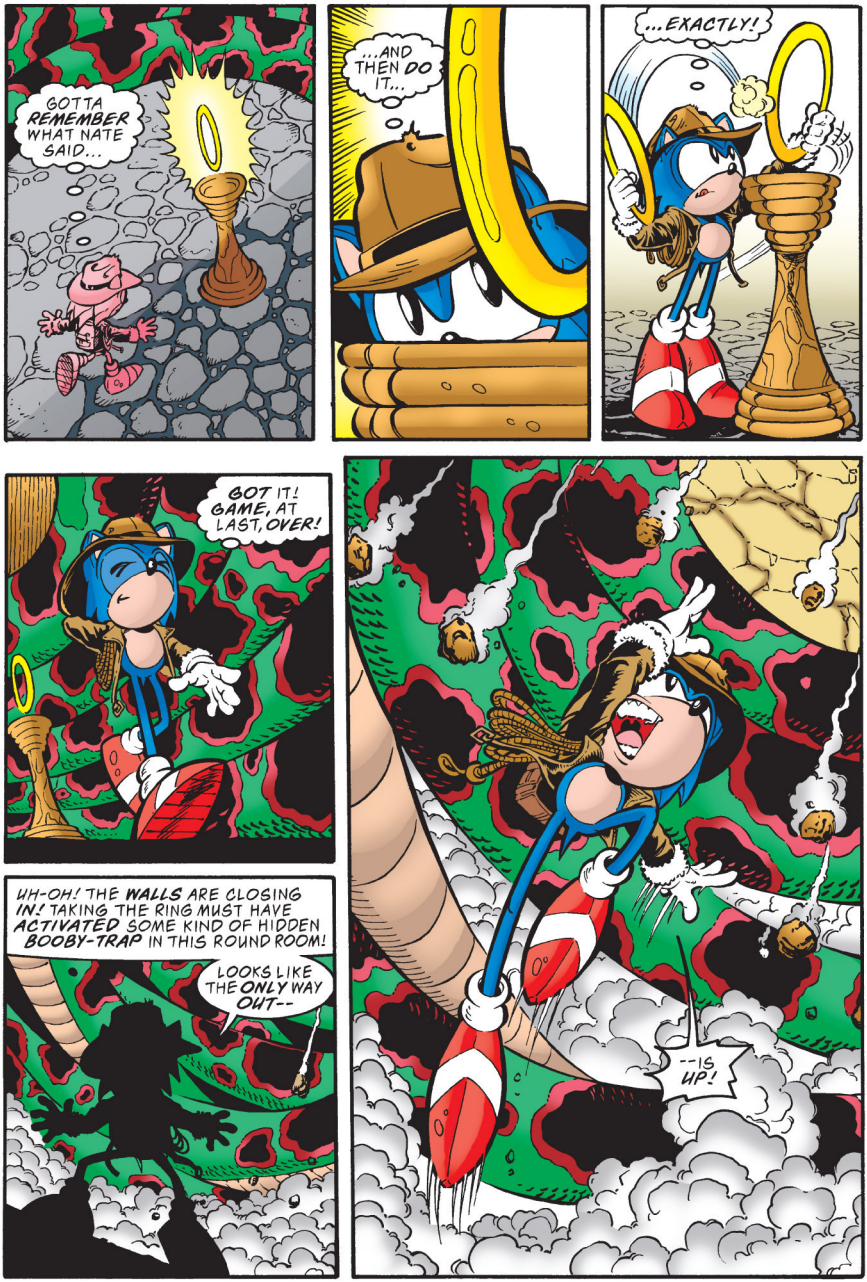

"AS IT SO HAPPENS-- ME, IXIS, AND TAILS WOUND UP ABSORBING THE POWER FROM NATE'S RINGS--
"--AND THOUGH WE DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT, WE WERE MIRACULOUSLY TRANSFORMED INTO SUPED-UP VERSIONS OF OURSELVES! WHAT'S STRANGE IS I REMEMBER BEING SUPER SONIC, BUT NOT THIS TIME. ACCORDING TO NATE, I BECAME ULTRA-SONIC AND TAILS WAS NOW HYPER-TAILS!
"IXIS...WELL, HE JUST BECAME A BIGGER, BADDER JERK!
"IT TOOK OUR COMBINED TALENTS TO SEAL THE ZONE, AND IXIS WITHIN IT! WE HAD WON...
"...SO WHY DID WHAT HAPPENED NEXT HAVE TO HAPPEN AT ALL?
"THE FORCE OF THE RIFT CLOSIN' UP CAUSED A TITANIC AVALANCHE-- THE ROOF OF NATE'S CASTLE CAVED IN ABOVE US. WE WOULD'VE BEEN GONERS...
"...IF NOT FOR EDDY. HE BOUGHT US ENOUGH TIME TO GET OUT, BUT--BUT--
"--BUT--
"--HE DIDN'T MAKE IT.*
*Essentially, a condensed version of SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 17--ED.
"WE LOST A FRIEND AND GAINED ONE AT THE SAME TIME...
SONIC
"...'CAUSE AFTER THAT, NATE DECIDED TO COME HOME WITH US TO MODIFY MOBOTROPOLIS' POWER-SOURCES TO RING TECHNOLOGY."


PROBLEM IS, THE TEMPORARY RING THAT'S BEEN FLYING MY BI-PLANE IS SO LOW ON ENERGY, WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT BACK UNLESS I GO--
--INSIDE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT NATE WAS WARNING ME ABOUT--AND I CAN'T FIGURE FOR THE LIFE O' ME WHY TAILS WAS TELLIN' ME TO BE CAREFUL.
I KEPT TELLIN' 'EM IT'D BE A CAKE-WALK! THIS TEMPLE AIN'T SO--
RATATATAT
--BAD!
RATATATAT
UP
UP
UP


CRAWLIN' AROUND ON MY BELLY ISN'T EXACTLY MY STYLE--
--BUT THIS TIME I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO MAKE THE EXCEPTION!
:whew:- THAT WAS CLOSE! NOW I'M READY TO MOVE--
"--ON!"
KLAK
YIKES!
GOTTA MAKE--
--LIKE--
--LIGHT-NING!
SHKRAK
WOO-HOO!


SPACE.
IT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND PLANET MOBIUS SPINNING ENDLESSLY IN ITS COMPLEX ORBIT.
ON THE SURFACE, SONIC'S SNEAKERS HAVE JUST CAUGHT FIRE. HIS DILEMMA, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE SEEN FROM THIS FAR POINT
DON'T WORRY, THOUGH.
THIS IS SPACE...
...AND THOUGH UNSEEN FROM BELOW, THINGS ARE HAPPENING UP HERE, TOO!
B-DIP B-DIP B-DIP
T-SAT UNIT BACK ON-LINE...
VRRRT
VRRRT
--AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.
TARGET ACQUIRED-- SYSTEM LOCKED-- AND BEGINNING ACTIVATION --
"--NOW!"


MEANWHILE, AT THE LOST TEMPLE OF SHAZAMAZON...
...BENEATH THE LEAFY RAINFOREST CEILING, THE SHADOWS MOVE ACROSS THE STATUES OF THE AGES-OLD EDIFICE...
...AND VICE VERSA!
SHEESH! TALK ABOUT BURNING RUBBER!
?
COULD THAT BE... IT? COULD THAT BE...
"...THE RING OF ACORNS?"


GOTTA REMEMBER WHAT NATE SAID...
...AND THEN DO IT...
...EXACTLY!
GOT IT! GAME, AT LAST, OVER!
UH-OH! THE WALLS ARE CLOSING IN! TAKING THE RING MUST HAVE ACTIVATED SOME KIND OF HIDDEN BOOBY-TRAP IN THIS ROUND ROOM!
LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY WAY OUT--
--IS UP!

BONUS PIN-UP

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IT'S A KEEPER!
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I'M GOING TO PUT YOUR LIGHTS OUT, HEDGEHOG!
ROBOTNIK'S COMING! WATCH HOW FAST I VACATE THIS LIGHTHOUSE!
Whoooogah... I FORGOT ABOUT THE SPIRAL STAIRS!
PRO ART BONUS: AN UNUSED COVER FOR SONIC#14 BY DAVE MANAK & JON D'AGOSTINO. COLOR & ENJOY!
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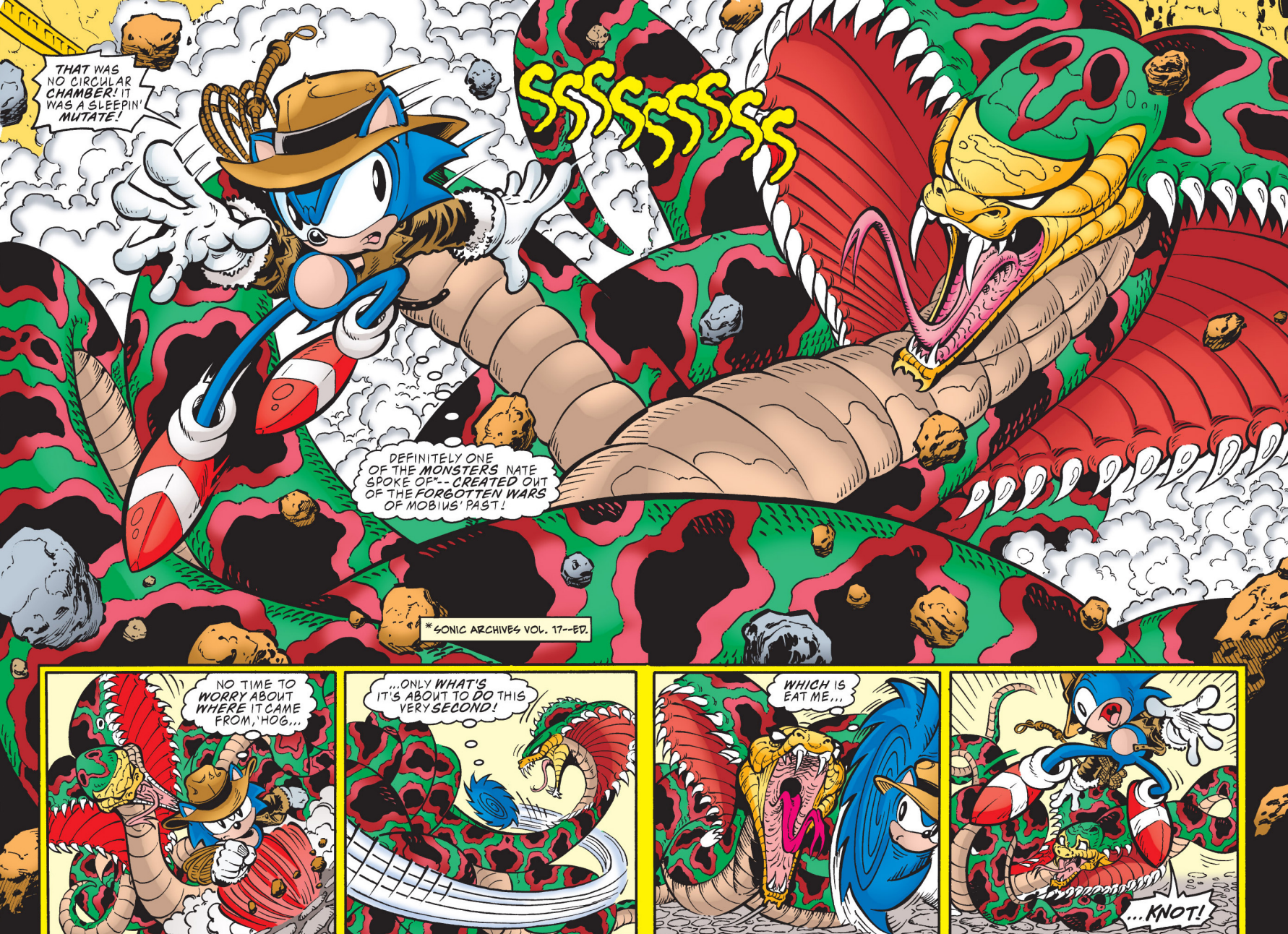
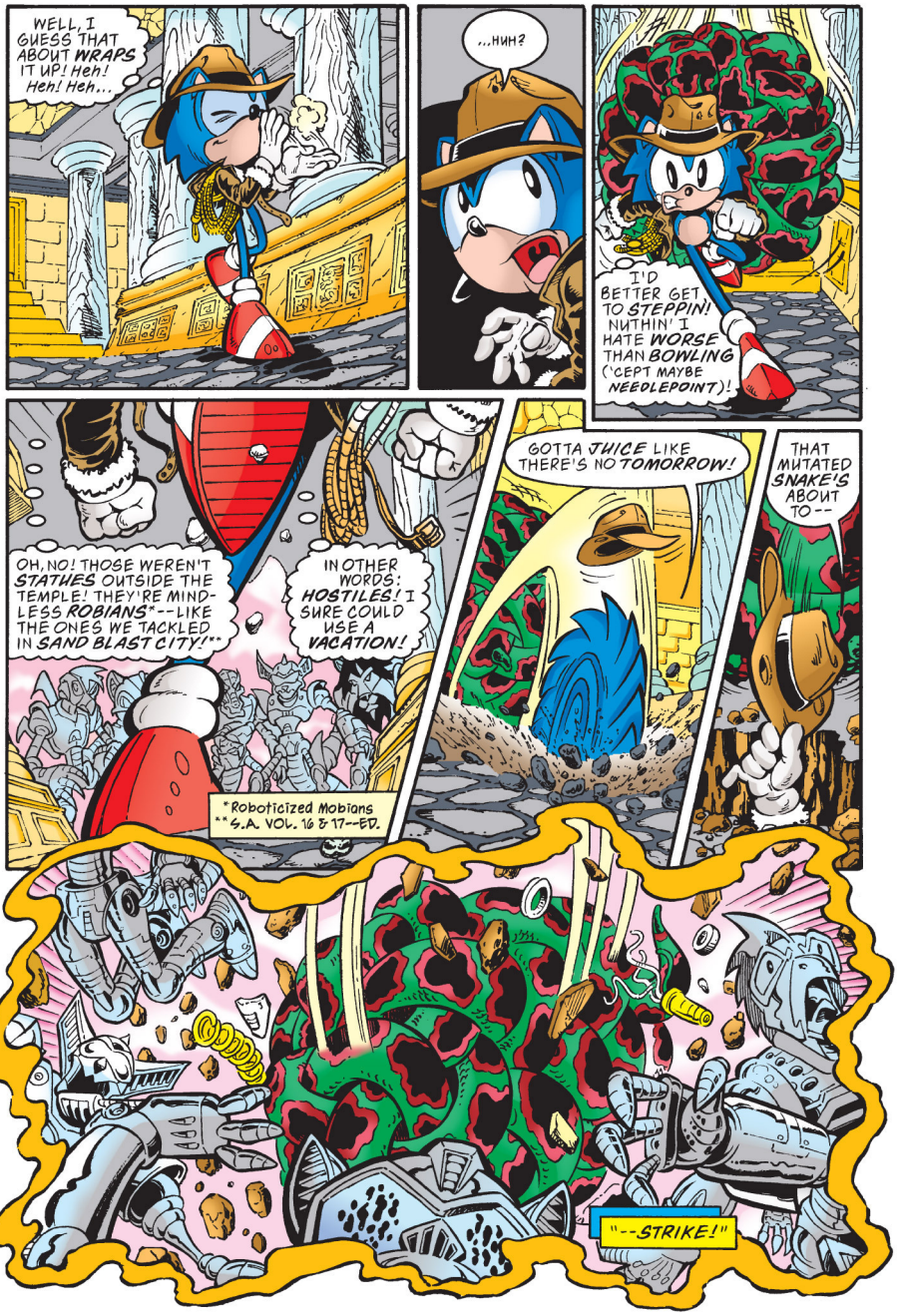
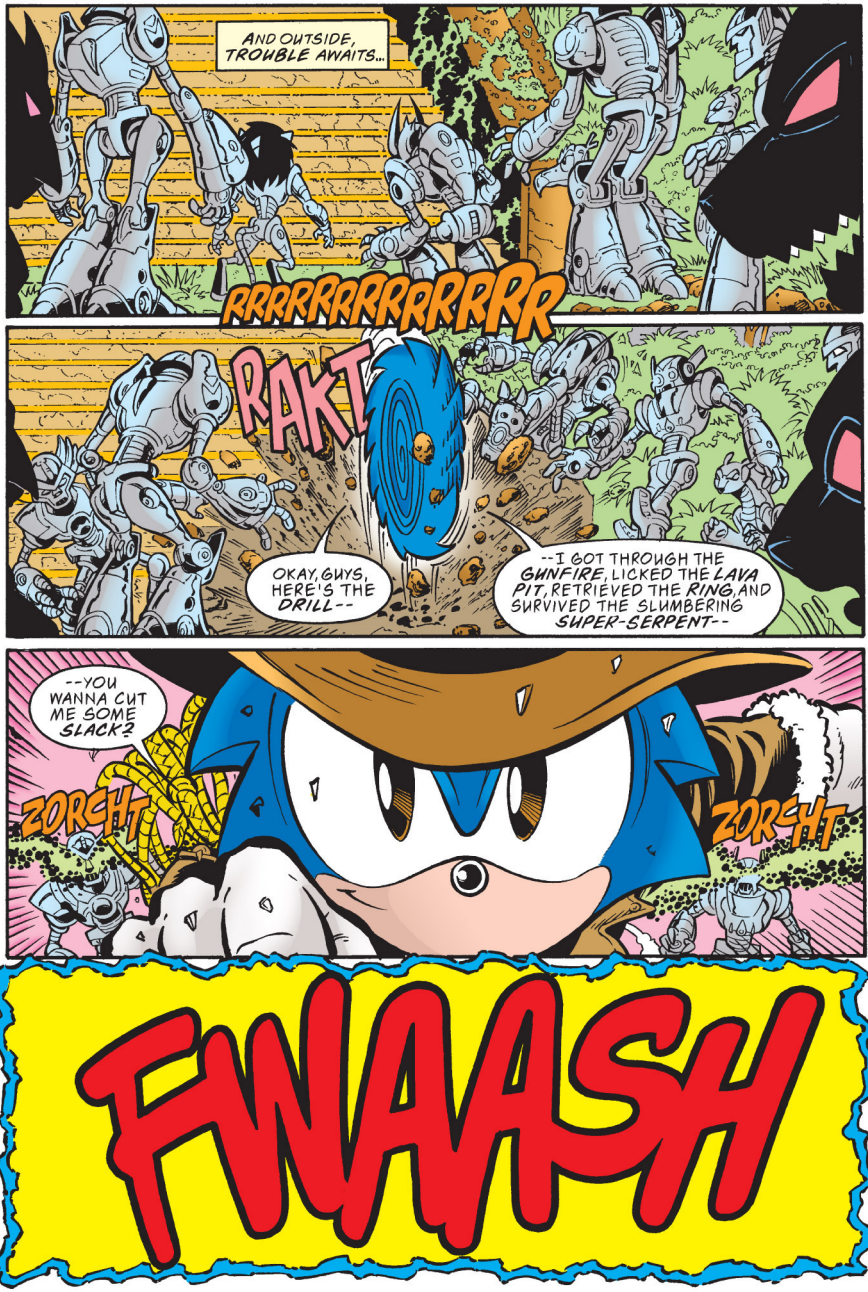
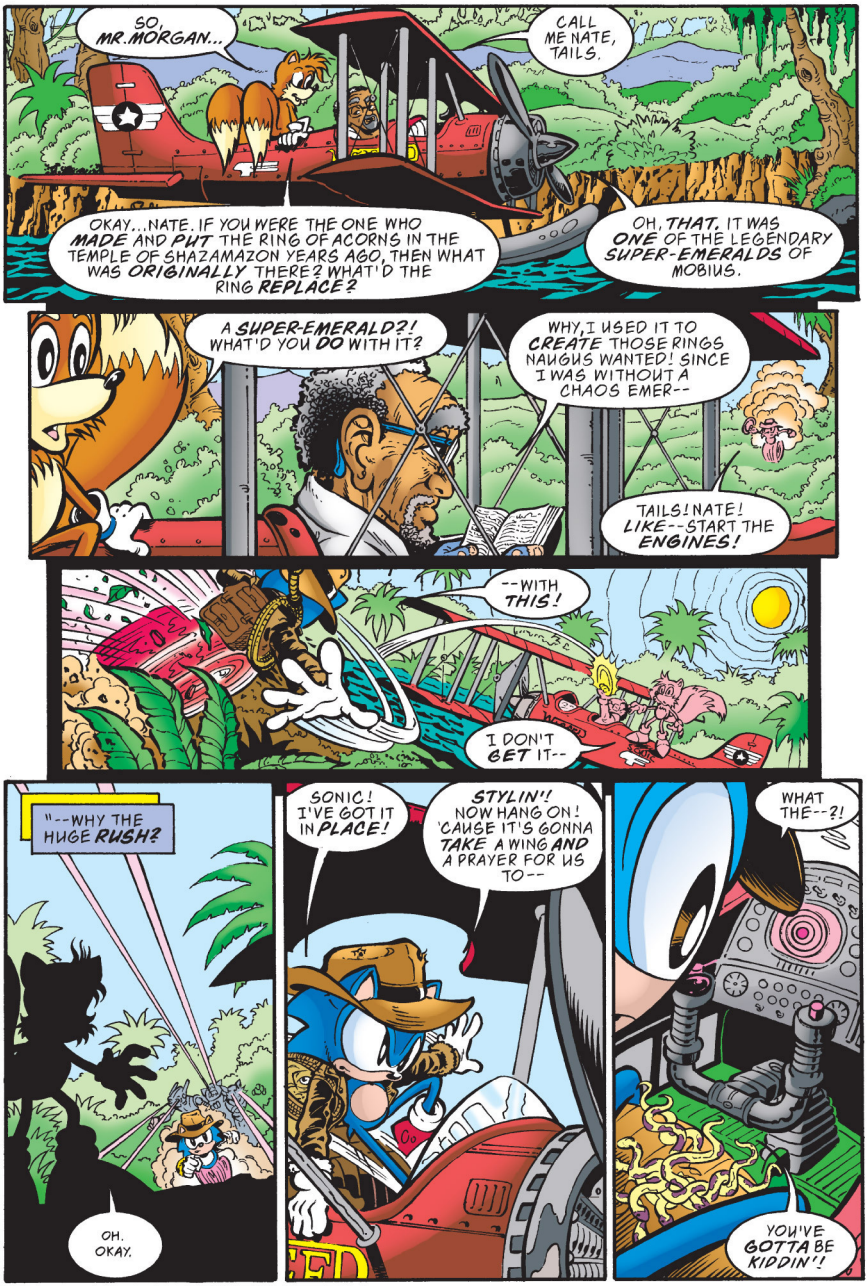
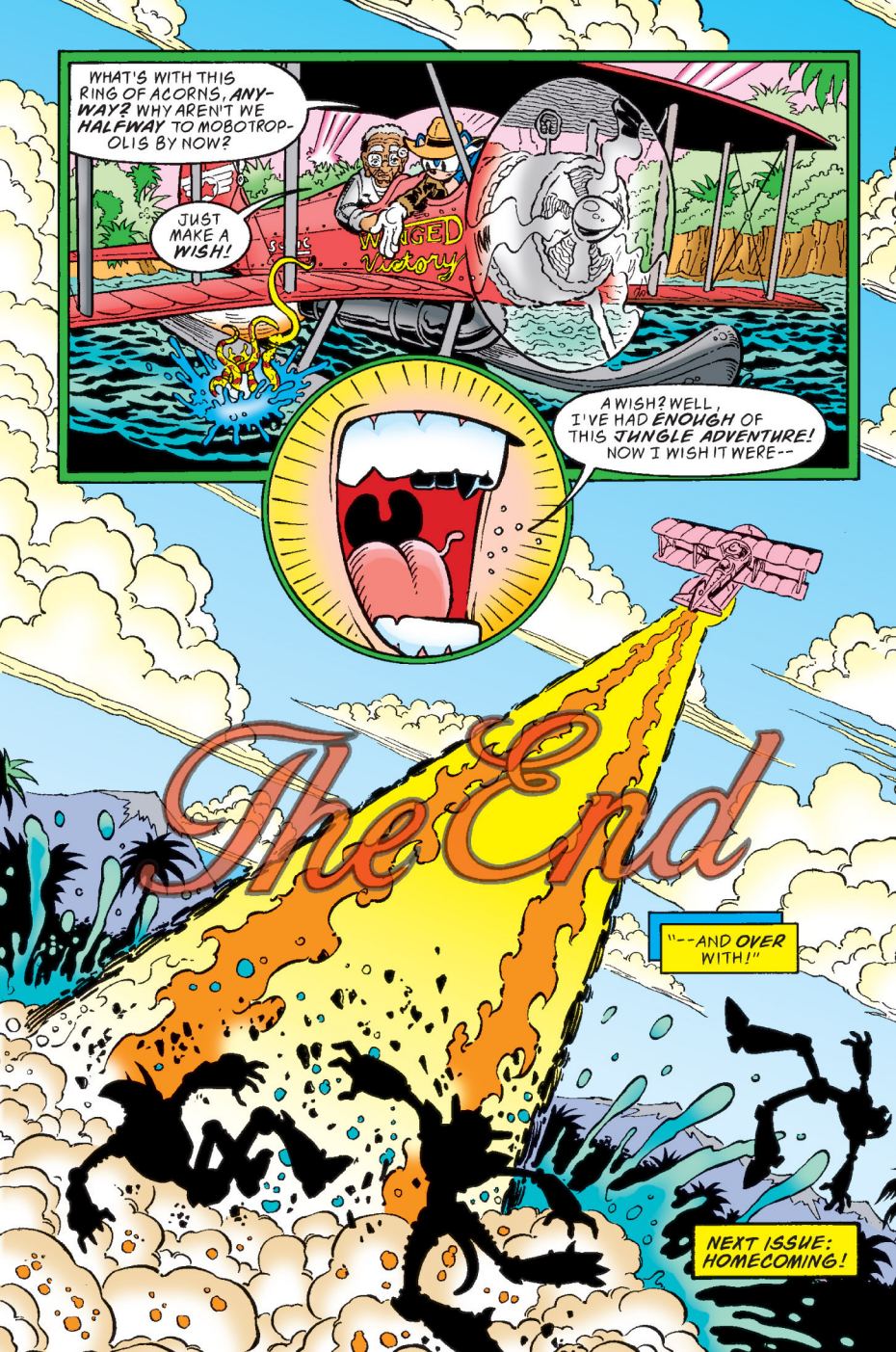

THAT WAS NO CIRCULAR CHAMBER! IT WAS A SLEEPIN' MUTATE!
SSSSSSSSS
DEFINITELY ONE OF THE MONSTERS NATE SPOKE OF*-- CREATED OUT OF THE FORGOTTEN WARS OF MOBIUS' PAST!
*SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 17--ED.
NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT WHERE IT CAME FROM, 'HOG...
...ONLY WHAT'S IT'S ABOUT TO DO THIS VERY SECOND!
WHICH IS EAT ME...
...KNOT!


WELL, I GUESS THAT ABOUT WRAPS IT UP! Heh! Heh! Heh...
...HUH?
I'D BETTER GET TO STEPPIN! NUTHIN' I HATE WORSE THAN BOWLING ('CEPT MAYBE NEEDLEPOINT)!
OH, NO! THOSE WEREN'T STATHES OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE! THEY'RE MINDLESS ROBIANS*--LIKE THE ONES WE TACKLED IN SAND BLAST CITY!**
IN OTHER WORDS: HOSTILES! I SURE COULD USE A VACATION!
GOTTA JUICE LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW!
THAT MUTATED SNAKE'S ABOUT TO--
*Roboticized Mobians
**S.A. VOL. 16 & 17--ED.
"--STRIKE!"


AND OUTSIDE, TROUBLE AWAITS...
RRRRRRRRRRRRR
RAKT
OKAY, GUYS, HERE'S THE DRILL--
--I GOT THROUGH THE GUNFIRE, LICKED THE LAVA PIT, RETRIEVED THE RING, AND SURVIVED THE SLUMBERING SUPER-SERPENT--
--YOU WANNA CUT ME SOME SLACK?
ZORCHT
ZORCHT
FWAASH


SO, MR. MORGAN...
CALL ME NATE, TAILS.
OKAY...NATE. IF YOU WERE THE ONE WHO MADE AND PUT THE RING OF ACORNS IN THE TEMPLE OF SHAZAMAZON YEARS AGO, THEN WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY THERE? WHAT'D THE RING REPLACE?
OH, THAT. IT WAS ONE OF THE LEGENDARY SUPER-EMERALDS OF MOBIUS.
A SUPER-EMERALD?! WHAT'D YOU DO WITH IT?
WHY, I USED IT TO CREATE THOSE RINGS NAUGUS WANTED! SINCE I WAS WITHOUT A CHAOS EMER--
TAILS! NATE! LIKE--START THE ENGINES!
--WITH THIS!
I DON'T GET IT--
"--WHY THE HUGE RUSH?
OH. OKAY.
SONIC! I'VE GOT IT IN PLACE!
STYLIN'! NOW HANG ON! 'CAUSE IT'S GONNA TAKE A WING AND A PRAYER FOR US TO--
WHAT THE--?!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDIN'!


WHAT'S WITH THIS RING OF ACORNS, ANYWAY? WHY AREN'T WE HALFWAY TO MOBOTROPOLIS BY NOW?
JUST MAKE A WISH!
WINGED Victory
A WISH? WELL, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS JUNGLE ADVENTURE! NOW I WISH IT WERE--
The End
"--AND OVER WITH!"
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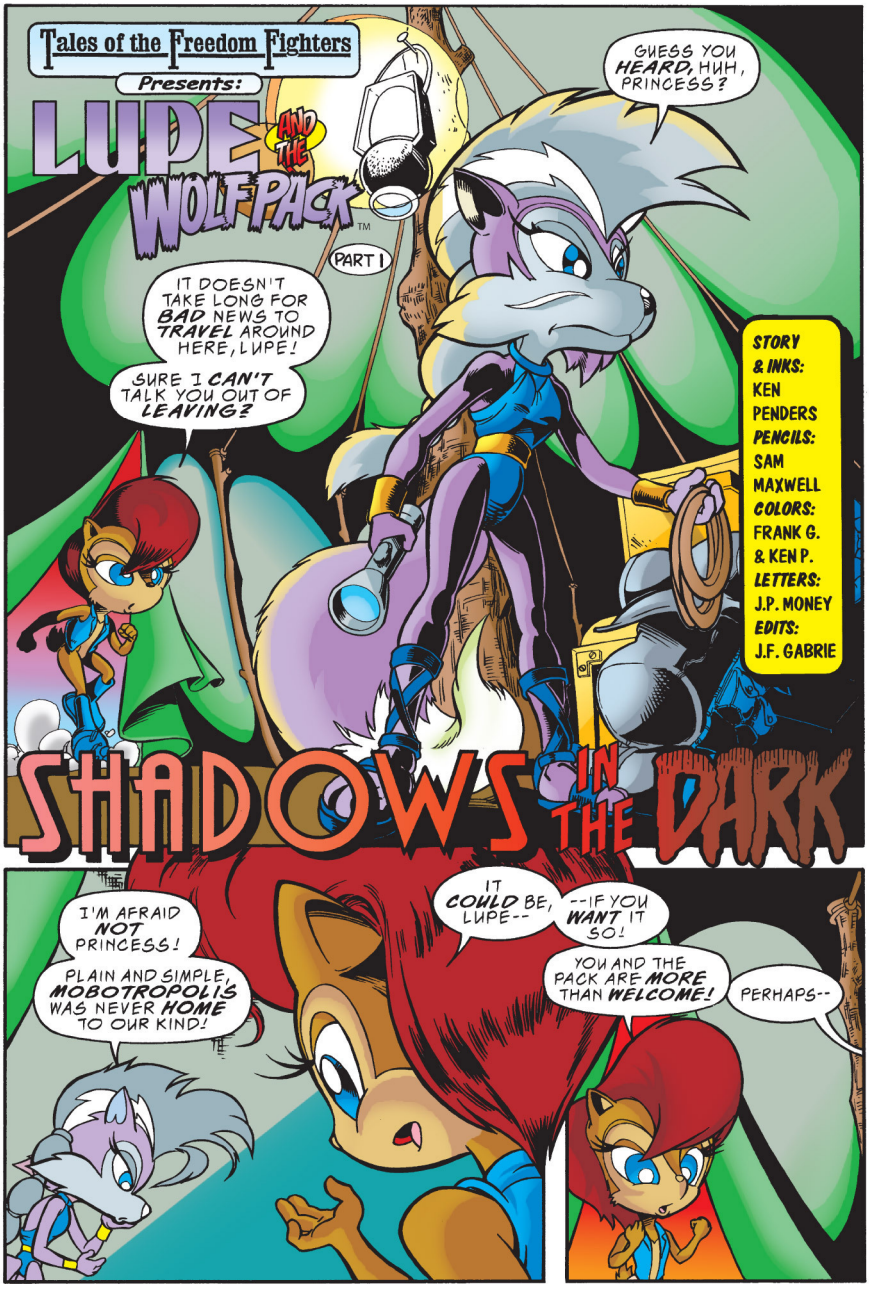
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Presents:
LUPE AND THE WOLF PACK
PART I
GUESS YOU HEARD, HUH, PRINCESS?
IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR BAD NEWS TO TRAVEL AROUND HERE, LUPE!
SURE I CAN'T TALK YOU OUT OF LEAVING?
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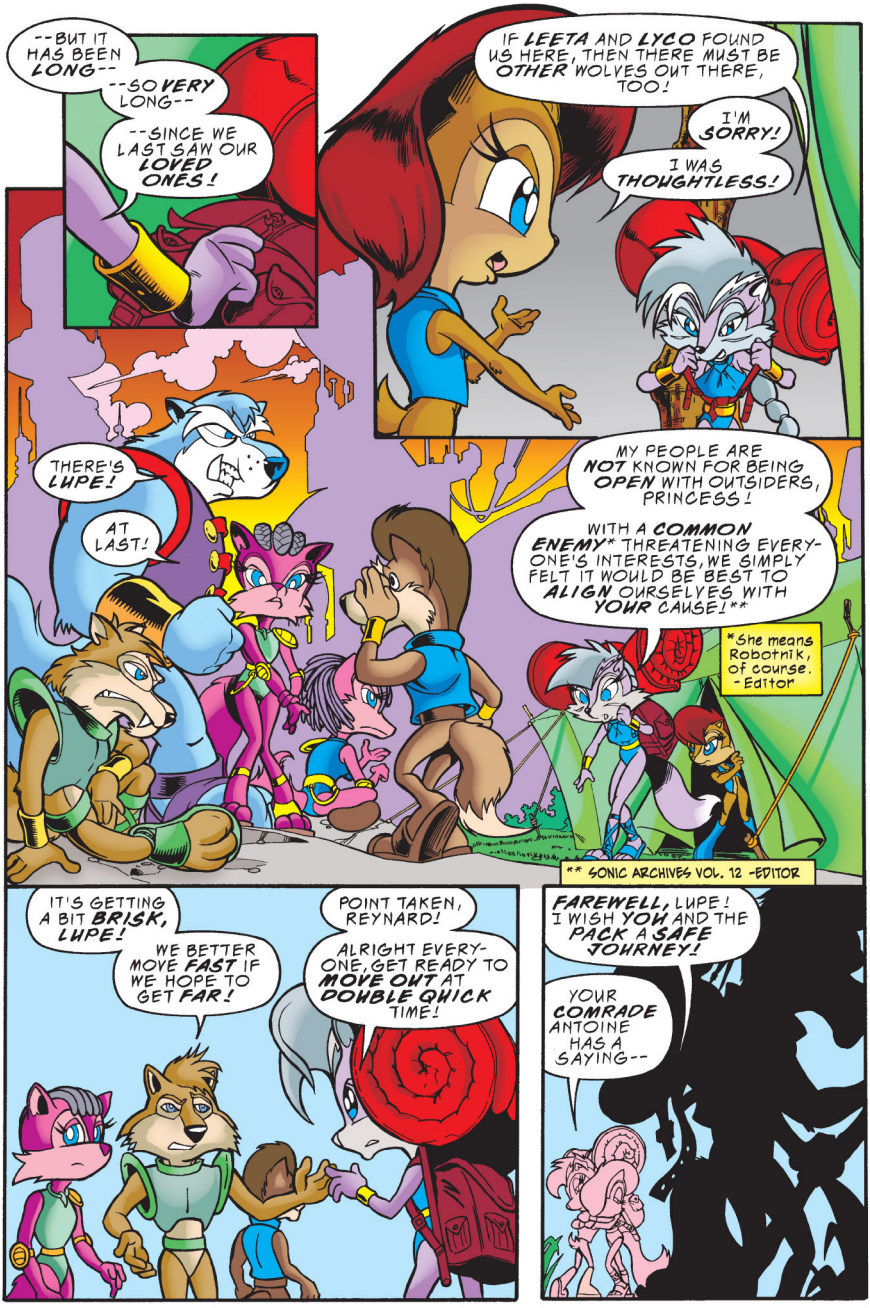
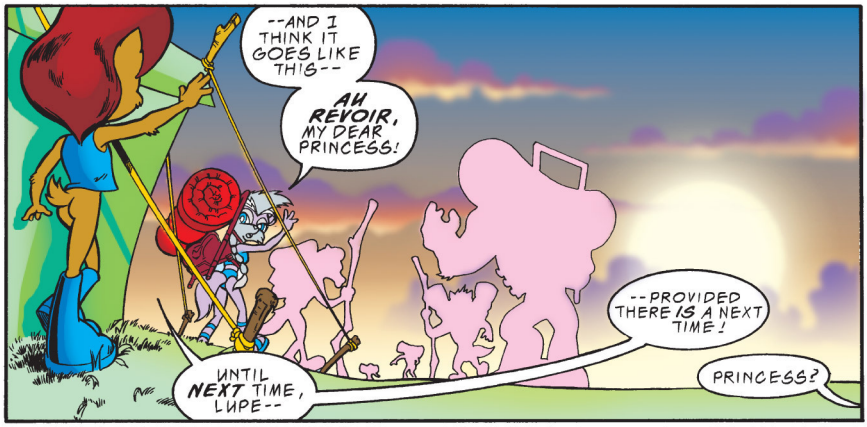
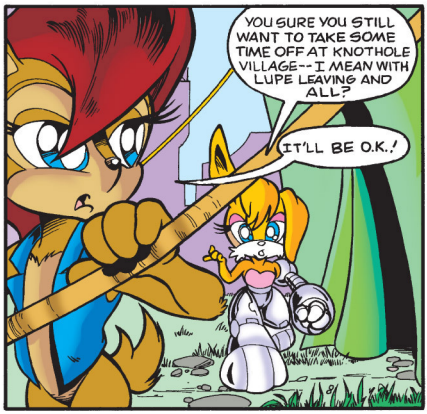
SHADOWS IN THE DARK
I'M AFRAID NOT PRINCESS!
PLAIN AND SIMPLE, MOBOTROPOLIS WAS NEVER HOME TO OUR KIND!
IT COULD BE, LUPE--
--IF YOU WANT IT SO!
YOU AND THE PACK ARE MORE THAN WELCOME!
PERHAPS--

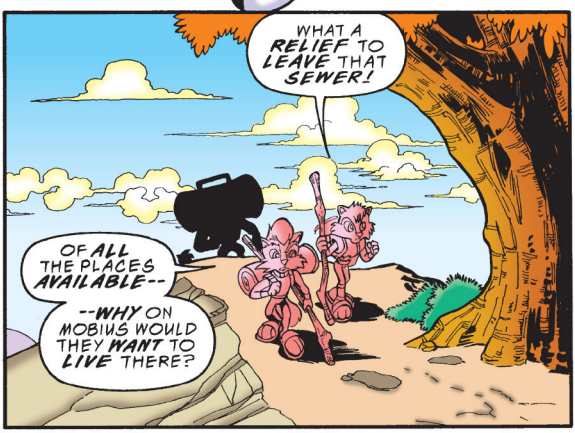

--BUT IT HAS BEEN LONG--
--SO VERY LONG--
--SINCE WE LAST SAW OUR LOVED ONES!
IF LEETA AND LYCO FOUND US HERE, THEN THERE MUST BE OTHER WOLVES OUT THERE, TOO!
I'M SORRY!
I WAS THOUGHTLESS!
THERE'S LUPE!
AT LAST!
MY PEOPLE ARE NOT KNOWN FOR BEING OPEN WITH OUTSIDERS, PRINCESS!
WITH A COMMON ENEMY* THREATENING EVERYONE'S INTERESTS, WE SIMPLY FELT IT WOULD BE BEST TO ALIGN OURSELVES WITH YOUR CAUSE!**
*She means Robotnik, of course. -Editor
** SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 12 -EDITOR
IT'S GETTING A BIT BRISK, LUPE!
WE BETTER MOVE FAST IF WE HOPE TO GET FAR!
POINT TAKEN, REYNARD!
ALRIGHT EVERYONE, GET READY TO MOVE OUT AT DOUBLE QUICK TIME!
FAREWELL, LUPE! I WISH YOU AND THE PACK A SAFE JOURNEY!
YOUR COMRADE ANTOINE HAS A SAYING--

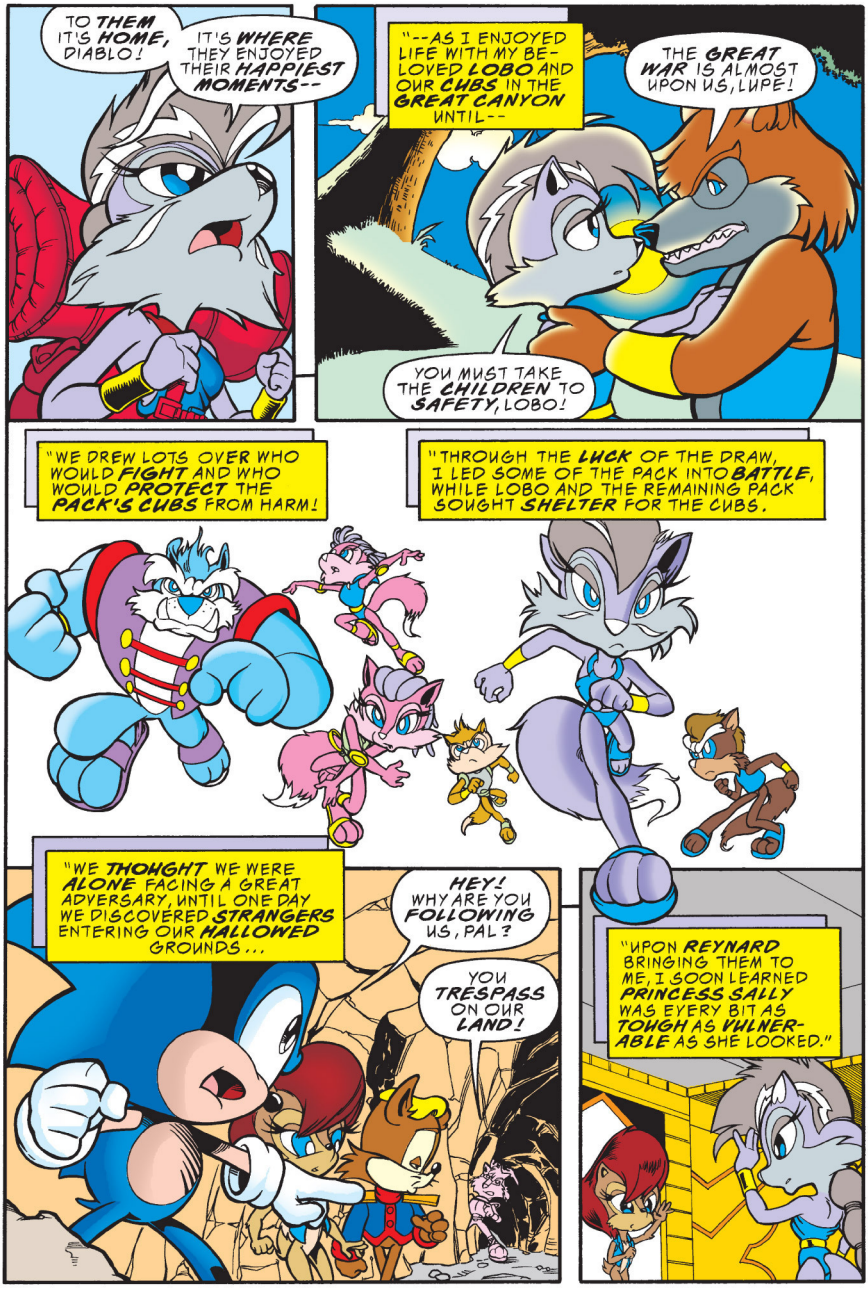

--AND I THINK IT GOES LIKE THIS--
AH REVOIR, MY DEAR PRINCESS!
--PROVIDED THERE IS A NEXT TIME!
PRINCESS?
UNTIL NEXT TIME, LUPE--


YOU SURE YOU STILL WANT TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF AT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE--I MEAN WITH LUPE LEAVING AND ALL?
IT'LL BE O.K.!

IN FACT, LET'S LEAVE NOW SO WE CAN PLAN A NICE SURPRISE FOR SONIC--
--I'M SURE HE'LL BE BACK IN TIME FOR HIS BIRTHDAY AT THE END OF THE WEEK!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE HE'LL BE BACK FOR IT AT ALL, SUGAR-SAL?
"JUST A FEELING, I GUESS."


WHAT A RELIEF TO LEAVE THAT SEWER!
OF ALL THE PLACES AVAILABLE--
--WHY ON MOBIUS WOULD THEY WANT TO LIVE THERE?


TO THEM IT'S HOME, DIABLO!
IT'S WHERE THEY ENJOYED THEIR HAPPIEST MOMENTS--
"--AS I ENJOYED LIFE WITH MY BE-LOVED LOBO AND OUR CUBS IN THE GREAT CANYON UNTIL--
THE GREAT WAR IS ALMOST UPON US, LUPE!
YOU MUST TAKE THE CHILDREN TO SAFETY, LOBO!
"WE DREW LOTS OVER WHO WOULD FIGHT AND WHO WOULD PROTECT THE PACK'S CUBS FROM HARM!
"THROUGH THE LUCK OF THE DRAW, I LED SOME OF THE PACK INTO BATTLE, WHILE LOBO AND THE REMAINING PACK SOUGHT SHELTER FOR THE CUBS.
"WE THOUGHT WE WERE ALONE FACING A GREAT ADVERSARY, UNTIL ONE DAY WE DISCOVERED STRANGERS ENTERING OUR HALLOWED GROUNDS...
HEY! WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING US, PAL?
YOU TRESPASS ON OUR LAND!
"UPON REYNARD BRINGING THEM TO ME, I SOON LEARNED PRINCESS SALLY WAS EVERY BIT AS TOUGH AS VULNER-ABLE AS SHE LOOKED."

AN ALLIANCE WAS FORGED AND HAS REMAINED STEADFAST EVER SINCE.
WITH THE WAR OVER, I NOW LONG FOR HOME AND FAMILY!
AS DO WE ALL, LUPE!
TAKE HEART, CANUS!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF DAYS BEFORE WE REJOIN THE PACK!
HOLD! I DON'T REMEMBER A RIVER OF SUCH MAGNITUDE CUTTING ACROSS OUR PATH FROM THE GREAT CANYON!
NOR DO I, BUT IT'S THERE NOW!
FORTUNATELY FOR US, I STILL HAVE MY RAFT!
THIS SHOULD SEE US ACROSS BEFORE IT BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE TO NAVIGATE THE WATERS!
EVERYONE IN!
LET'S HOPE THE RIVER FLOW DOESN'T GET ANY STRONGER WHILE WE SAIL!

WE MUST BE FURTHER NORTH FROM WHERE WE SHOULD BE. NONE OF THIS LOOKS FAMILIAR!
NOT NECESSARILY. THOUGH WE HAVE TRAVELLED FAR, THE BREADTH OF MOBIUS IS GREATER BEYOND OUR EXPERIENCE!
CANUS IS RIGHT! NATURE HAS BEEN ACTING QUITE UNPREDICTABLE OF LATE WITH ALL THE RECENT STORMS!
WHO KNOWS WHAT HAS RESULTED FROM NATURE'S FURY?
WE MAY FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH! THE RAINS ARE BEGINNING TO FALL!
LUPE, THE CURRENTS ARE GETTING HARDER FOR US TO ROW!
KEEP GOING, DIABLO! WE CAN'T STOP NOW!
HOLD TIGHT, EVERYONE!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE TO THE OTHER SIDE!

To be continued